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Ben Henderson
Duchesne County
20800 West East River Road
Duchesne, Utah 84021

Subject: Division Directive to Reclaim or Provide an Updated Mine Plan, Duchesne County, Cedar Buttes Mine, M/047/00028, Uintah County, Utah

Dear Mr. Henderson:

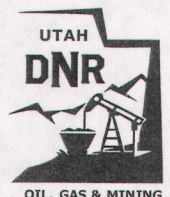
As per the requirements of R647-4-117.4, the Division of Oil Gas and Mining is now requiring reclamation of the Cedar Buttes Mine. Concerning suspension of mining operations, this rule says in part:

“The Division will require complete reclamation of the mine site when the suspension period exceeds 10 years, unless the operator appeals to the Board prior to the expiration of the 10-year period and shows good cause for a longer suspension period.”

The Division is taking this action based on its records which indicate the Cedar Buttes Mine has been inactive since at least the year 2000. You may appeal this decision and request an extended period of suspension by filing a Request for Agency Action with the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining.

If you do not appeal, all grading and seeding work must be completed by September 15, 2016. If you decide to appeal, and if an extended period of suspension is approved, the Division requires that an updated Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operations (Notice) be submitted by September 15, 2016.

Under the provisions of R647-4-118, the Division is providing you with the required form to update the Notice. Please note that public advertisement may be required if the updated Notice includes significant changes.

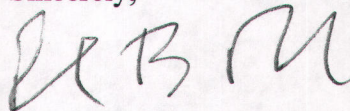


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The reclamation surety currently held by the Division is a surety bond in the amount of \$106,000.00. Failure to obtain approval from the Board for an extended suspension period and submit an updated Notice, or failure to complete reclamation as required, may result in forfeiture of the reclamation surety and enforcement action.

If you have questions or concerns about this letter or need further guidance in preparing the Notice, please contact April Abate at 801-538-5214, or me at 801-538-5261. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'P B M', likely representing Paul B. Baker.

Paul B. Baker
Minerals Program Manager

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